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present in the two offices directly under
his charge. His example was followed by
the high officials in the provincial capital,
and a purer air began to prevail generally
throughout the province. In 1897 he was
able to abolish official presents in the island
of Hainan; and last year, when he was
again holding the post of Governor, as
well as that of Governor-General, an ex-
haustive inquiry was made by the Grand
Treasurer concerning all the sources of in-
come and causes of expenditure of the vari-
ous local authorities. The memorialist was
then able to deal with the subject as a whole.
He found that at the same time as the ob-
noxious payments were done away with, it
would be necessary to reduce as far as pos-
sible the number of extraordinary services to
be performed by the authorities, and in some
cases to provide for the cost of those which
must be retained. The Viceroy goes on to
say that it would be necessary to provide
annually as much as Tls. 97,000 to supply
the place of the funds withdrawn by the
above measures, and adds: "This amount
of money can be appropriated from an-
nual contributions made by certain mer-
cantile firms, and so will cause no extra
charge on the regular provincial revenue."
This system having been put in force, the
higher authorities will be required to see
that the old abuses are no longer allowed to
exist among their subordinates.

The only notice vouchsafed to this impor-
tant memorial is the simple receipt: "Noted."
It is to be feared that the well-intended
efforts of CHANG CHIN-TYU to reform the
administration will have no more permanent
effect than similar efforts made by that
rough but honest and sturdy old patri-
ot the late Tao Tzu-pan-ran.

The Viceroy of the different provinces rarely
stay long enough in one government
to carry out the schemes of reform and im-
provement a few among them occasionally
conceive; and as sweeping changes in the
system of administration are not acceptable at
Peking, as being likely to bring trouble and
agitation, the two active magnets are usually
translated to another sphere of usefulness
with all convenient despatch. It is not im-
probable that this was one of the reasons
which led to the transference of CHANG to
the Governor-Generalship of the Hu
Kwang. Certain it is that His Excellency
had no wish to be removed, and if we are
rightly informed he even petitioned for an
extension of his term of office at Canton. But
he was not allowed to carry out his numerous
projects in the two Kwang, and a veteran
official well known as a quiet steady adminis-
trator, whose character is the antithesis of
CHANG's restless, energetic disposition, was
sent to the southern seat of power, while his
predecessor was ordered to Wuhan, where
he can find employment in discovering new
fields for the workings of his active mind.

The truth is probably the Central Govern-
ment had no wish to go so bold a spirit as
CHANG firmly seated at Canton like Li
Hun-chang is at Tientsin. Possibly when
his new schemes have matured at
Wuhan, and the time arrives to carry them
into practice, this vigorous administrator will
be again transferred to another province,
leaving behind him only conceptions which
his successor will be instructed to deceler-
late in quiet oblivion. Truly the rôle of
reformer is a difficult one to play in the
Central Kingdom, where both Government
and people governed are so inherently hostile
to all change, and custom has such giant
power.

There will be a game of Polo to-day (Friday)
at 4.15 p.m. at the Race Course.

The case of Brander Fraser Smith, in which
the plaintiff claims \$50,000 for alleged libel,
comes on for hearing before a special jury on
the 6th prox.

The Hongkong Amateur Athletic Sports
Committee held their annual meeting on Wed-
nesday evening at the Victoria Recreation Club,
when the accounts for last year's sports were
passed. The meeting was held at the
8th March, and Mr. W. H. Young has been
appointed Hon. Secretary.

A contemporary writes: "What are you?"
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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Océus*, with the next regular French mail, left Saigon at 6 p.m. on 27th, and is due here on the morning of the inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Belgic*, with the American mail of the 7th instant, left Yokohama on 26th instant, and is due here on the 1st of the ensuing.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China chartered steamer *Morcy*, mails from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 27th inst.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. & O. steamer *Sulej*, with the English mail, left Singapore on the 3rd January, and is due here on the 3rd February.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The P. & O. steamer *Parilla*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver on the 21st January, and is here on or about the 18th February.

STAMFORDS RAIL-STEAM.
The P. & O. Extra steamer *Lombardy* left Singapore at 11 a.m. on the 27th January, and is here on the 2nd February.

on the 25th January, and is due here on the February.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Laertes* left Singapore on the 25th January, and is due here on the 2nd February.

The D. D. R. steamer *Kriehbiel* left Singapore at 10 a.m. on the 29th January, and may be expected here on or about the 5th February.

The steamer *Strathcarr* left Singapore on the 1st January, and is due here on the 5th January.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

Weak delivery. Letter boxes have been closed on the 2nd inst. and correspondence to be delivered by the twelves and four o'clock only. Local rates will be charged. Corre-

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 may be found in the Post Office Press Directory,
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 lished in Hongkong.
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 connection with this is the one published
 weekly in the Post Office Boxes and is given
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 as a guide.
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inst., at 11.30 A.M.
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 to-day, the 31st inst., at 11.30 A.M.
 er Swatow.—Per *Else*, to-day, the 31st
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for Shanghai.—*For Yangtze*, to-morrow, the February, at 3.30 P.M.
for Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—*For Amoy*, to-morrow, the 1st February, at 3.00 P.M.
for Singapore.—*For Frigate*, on Tuesday, the February, at 9.30 A.M.
for Koba, Yokohama, and Vancouver.—*For Amoy*, on Thursday, the 5th February, at 3.00 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Packet *Comte Inouard* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 5th Feb., by Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, places beyond, via *Marseille*; to Saigon, Hongkong, Shanghai, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India, the Australian Colonies, Aden, Natal the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
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 10 A.M.—Mail closes.
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